

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes  
Friday, April 5, 2019

Starting Time: 8:45am

Board Members Present: Valerie Demino, Dawn Barbour, Liz Johnson, Bill Stenger, Billie-Jo Fintel

Other Members Present: Listed separately

Minutes Submitted by Liz Johnson

**Agenda:**

1. Financial Update
2. Upcoming Events
3. PTO Nominations
4. Administration Update

**Financial Update**

1. Dawn Barbour presented the financial report. Casino Night is still being reconciled but PTO is in good standing going into next school year.

**Upcoming Events**

1. As the school year approaches, many events are coming up!
  - a. Liz Johnson spoke about the tree dedication on Earth Day and the use of Student Senate for the planting of the tree. All students will have a chance to be involved using an interactive bulletin board placed behind the stairwell in the front of the school.
  - b. Valerie Demino spoke of the upcoming events that need volunteers in order for it to be successful. The Spring Book Fair is April 15-18. Volunteers are still needed, even if the commitment is for a short amount of time.
  - c. Muffins for Moms is April 16<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed. The MFM committee is looking for Dads to help out this time so that the moms can truly enjoy the event with their child(ren).
  - d. Field Day is also approaching and is an event that requires several volunteers. Tara Merino will send out more information as we get a bit closer to May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PTO Nominations**

1. Mrs. Fintel spoke about the upcoming PTO elections. It's that time of the year when the opportunity to join the PTO happens. PTO nominations can be for yourself or someone else. The bylaws were shared and some of the duties for each PTO Board Position. If anyone is interested in running for a position, they will need to fill out the form and drop off at the front desk in the office or e-mail to Mrs. Fintel. She will then contact the person to confirm the nomination. The Board elections will be held May 10<sup>th</sup>. Valerie Demino also mentioned that this is the time to also think about chairing PTO events, as some of the current chair positions will be opening up for next school year.

### **Administration Update**

1. Mrs. Fintel shared some insight from the Meet and Greet with Mrs. Price that was held the previous evening on April 4<sup>th</sup>. There were 15-20 people in attendance and the meet and greet seemed to be a very positive experience.
2. A question regarding teacher choice was asked by a parent. Mrs. Fintel explained the process in detail since the process will be fairly new for next year. Mrs. Price plans to send out a teacher choice questionnaire, which will allow parents to communicate what type of environment and teacher would work best for you child. The policy will remain the same that you cannot request a specific teacher, but your input will be considered. Student placement begins with the teachers collaboration, then goes to the administration team of Mrs. Price, Mrs. Fintel, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Morales.
3. Mr. Stenger shared the information that as of now there are four current teachers that will be retiring at the end of the school year. Mrs. Price will have the ability to interview and select the incoming teachers because we are a "School of Excellence." This is beneficial because she (along with Mrs. Fintel) will be able to select the teachers for Willis, rather than teachers transferring based on seniority.
4. Mrs. Price will be at Willis for two days next week visiting classrooms and introducing herself to the students.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am